

SB965

Measure Title: RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING.

Report Title: Professional and Vocational Licensing; Nonresident Military Spouses; Licensure by Endorsement or Reciprocity

Description: Establishes qualifications for "nonresident military spouses" eligible for expedited procedures for professional and vocational licensing by endorsement or reciprocity, and temporary licensing. Establishes requirements for nonresident military spouses to maintain licenses and requires reporting of changes in status or circumstances that may affect licensure.

Companion: [HB718](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: PSM, CPN

Introducer(s): TANIGUCHI

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/24/2013	S	Introduced.
1/24/2013	S	Passed First Reading.
1/24/2013	S	Referred to PSM, CPN.
1/28/2013	S	The committee(s) on PSM has scheduled a public hearing on 01-31-13 3:00PM in conference room 224.
1/31/2013	S	The committee(s) on PSM recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in PSM were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Espero, Baker, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Galuteria, Green.
2/6/2013	S	Reported from PSM (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 100) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading and referral to CPN.
2/6/2013	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to CPN.
2/20/2013	S	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-26-13 10:15AM in conference room 229.



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**PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND
VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Tuesday, February 26, 2013
10:15 a.m.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 965, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND
VOCATIONAL LICENSING.**

THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in support of Senate Bill No. 965, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing. The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs held a hearing on this bill on January 31, 2013, and passed it out unamended.

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The purpose of Senate Bill No. 965 is to establish clarifying qualifications for “nonresident military spouses” eligible for expedited procedures for professional and vocational licensing by endorsement or reciprocity, and temporary licensing. It also defines a “nonresident military spouse”. The Department agrees with the amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 436B.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of Senate Bill No. 965.

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce
and Consumer Protection**

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

10:15 AM

Conference Room 229

**RE: SENATE BILL NO. 965, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND
VOCATIONAL LICENSING**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee.

My name is Charles Ota and I am the Vice President for Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state The Chamber's support the intent of Senate Bill No. 965, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing.

The measure establishes qualifications for "nonresident military spouses" eligible for expedited procedures for professional and vocational licensing by endorsement or reciprocity. Establishes requirements for nonresident military spouses to maintain licenses and requires reporting of changes in status or circumstances that may affect licensure.

The procedures proposed in this measure tracks with efforts by the Obama Administration to simplify and expedite the employment of trained, educated and highly qualified military spouses as they accompany their service member spouse on military duty assignments.

However, the measure, as written, requires that the otherwise qualified military spouse "has been stationed in Hawaii for at least one year". This requirement would actually delay the certification process by at least one year.

In light of the above, we recommend the following amendment:

1. Under Section 2, paragraph (3), revise sentence to read "...and is stationed in Hawaii pursuant to military permanent-change-of-station (PCS) orders issued by the United States Department of Defense".

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2013

Testimony for CPN on Feb 26, 2013 10:15AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Williams	Individual	Oppose	No